(b) if so, the number of cases registered against the purchase of sub-standard drugs in Government hospitals during each of the last two years and the details of action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) 'Health' being a State subject the State Governments monitor the various activities and functioning of health delivery systems. No such irregularity or mismanagement has been reported from the Central Govt. Hospitals.

Growth rate of population

619. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the present growth rate of population in the country, as compared to last five and ten years;

(b) what incentives and disincentives are being implemented in population control programme at present; and

(c) the medical and educative measures being taken in this matter?

TTHE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Natural Growth Rate of population as obtained from the latest available provisional estimates of Sample Registration Systems for year 1993 is 1.93 per cent as compared to 2.10 per cent in 1983 and 2.05 per cent in 1988.

(b) (i) Rs. 100 is paid to acceptors of Sterlisation to compensate them for loss of wages.

(ii) Central Government employees are given incentives like special increment, ½% rebate on interest on Housing Buiding Advance and special casual leave for undergoing Sterilisation after two or three children. As a dis-incentive, maternity leave to female Central Government employees is restricted to two children.

(c) The Action Plan under implementation covers improvement in quality of care by imparting training to Medical Officers and Paramedicals, re-orientation of information, education and communication efforts and involvement of voluntary organisations and NGOs.

Patel Chest Institute, Delhi

620. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether, as per a report in 'Pioneer' dated the 7th December, 1994, the Patel Chest Institute, Delhi is in a state of utter neglect;

(b) whether Government have identified the reasons of this neglect.

(c) whether Government propose o take steps to set right the Institute; and

(d) if so, the details threof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Government is aware of the report in 'Pioneer' dated the 7th December, 1994. The Government reviewed the working of the Institutes in Nov. 1993 and fourd several defeciencies which are mainly due to shortage of funds.

(c) and (d) It is proposed to augment the grants of the Institute during 1994-95 and to improve facilities for better patient care.

Export of kidneys of blood donors in Bangalore

611. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some doctors in Bangalore cheated thousands of blood donors and had their kidneys cut out and exported;

(b) what is the payment made to these blood donors-turned-kidney donors

(c) how could our Customs authorities allow the mass export of kidneys;